

## **IC 12-16.1-4**

### **Chapter 4. Application for Assistance**

*Effective 7-1-2003.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-1**

##### **Application requirement**

*Effective 7-1-2003.*

Sec. 1. To receive payment from the division for the costs incurred in providing care to an indigent person, a hospital must file an application with the county office of the county in which the hospital is located.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-2**

##### **Time for application**

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Sec. 2. A hospital must file the application with a county office not more than thirty (30) days after the patient has been admitted to the hospital, unless the patient is medically unable to sign the application and the next of kin or legal representative of the patient is unavailable.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-3**

##### **Adoption of rules**

*Effective 7-1-2003.*

Sec. 3. The division shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing the following:

- (1) The form of an application.
- (2) The establishment of procedures for applications.
- (3) The time for submitting and processing claims.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-4**

##### **Forms**

*Effective 7-1-2003.*

Sec. 4. The division and a county office shall make application forms available to a hospital upon request.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-5**

##### **Assisting patients in preparation of applications**

*Effective 7-1-2003.*

Sec. 5. A hospital or an attending physician may assist the patient in the preparation of an application for assistance under the hospital care for the indigent program.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-6**

##### **Immunity relating to assisting patients**

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Sec. 6. A person who in good faith provides assistance in the completion of an application under this chapter is immune from civil or criminal liability arising from the assistance.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-7**

##### **Signatures**

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Sec. 7. (a) A patient must sign an application if the patient is medically able to sign.

(b) If a patient is medically unable to sign an application, the patient's next of kin or a legal representative of the patient, if available, may sign the application.

(c) If no person under subsections (a) and (b) is able to sign the application to file a timely application, a hospital representative may sign the application instead of the patient.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*

#### **IC 12-16.1-4-8**

##### **Application with county office; reimbursement**

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Sec. 8. (a) A patient may file an application directly with the county office in the county where the hospital providing care is located if the application is filed not more than thirty (30) days after the patient's admission to the hospital.

(b) Reimbursement for the costs incurred in providing care to an eligible person may only be made to the providers of the care.

*As added by P.L.283-2001, SEC.31.*